

Films for screening October - December 2020

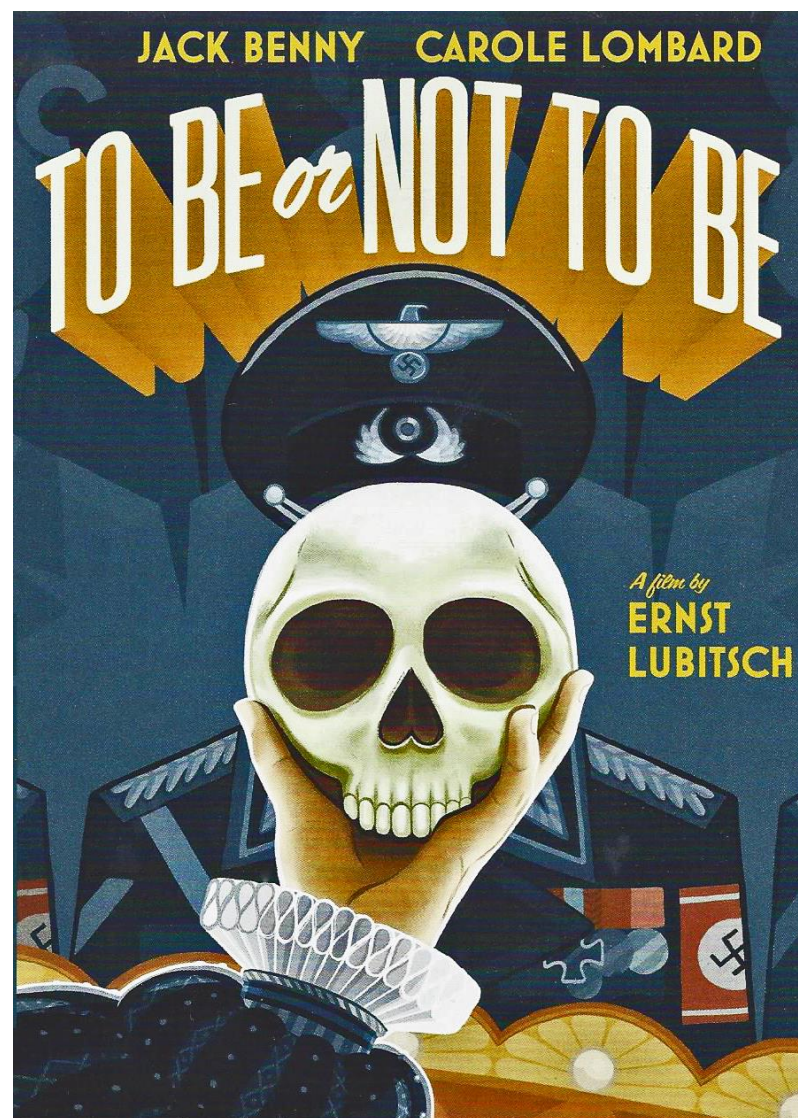
Date	Title	Description
14 Oct	Colette (15 certificate)	Biographical drama based on the French novelist's early life and loves, as she fights for recognition after her novels are published under her husband's name
11 Nov	The last station (15 certificate)	Historical drama about the last few months of Tolstoy's long life and the intrigues within his household, which drive him to his death in his search for peace
9 Dec	? Mystery film (12A certificate)	Recent biographical award-winning comedy drama, with great music. Reviews include: "oddly joyful movie elevated far above its limitations by two sublime performances"; "touching, poignant and sometimes funny story of opposites attract."

Doors will open at 7 pm and screenings start at 7.30

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Wednesday 9 September 2020



To be or not to be

Two married actors (played by Carole Lombard and Jack Benny) become caught up in a dangerous spy plot in Nazi-occupied Warsaw. The director, Ernst Lubitsch, brilliantly balances political satire, romance, slapstick and suspense in a comic high-wire act that has rarely, if ever, been equalled.

One of the film's underlying objectives was to portray the German military leaders as incompetent and bungling, deluded, frightened of their leader, vulnerable and foolish. Frustrated when their anti-Hitler play *Gestapo* is shut down, a troupe of self-absorbed Polish actors decide to use the tools of theatre to challenge, subvert and ridicule the authoritarian political agenda of the Nazi regime. The film hurtles forward with a dizzying blend of laughs and intrigue, against a backdrop of repression and destruction. The script shows compassion, humour, courage and enterprise amidst the cruelty of war.

The film opened a few weeks after the USA entered World War 2, to mixed reviews – some critics considered its timing and its tone to be in bad taste – but it has since acquired classic status.

USA 1942 - 99 minutes - 12A certificate
Wednesday 9th September 2020
St John's Place, Lower Road, Lower Bemerton
Doors open 19.00
Programme starts 19.30
Entrance £6



Film Soc is back! As we slowly emerge from the Coronavirus lockdown, the Bemerton Community Trustees and the BFS Committee have agreed that it is now safe to cautiously re-start activities in St John's Place. Following a successful screening of *The birdcage* on 12th August we are delighted to offer *To be or not to be* as our second screening on Wednesday 9th September.

There will be a number of changes and precautions to reduce the infection risk. These will include:

- To ensure social distancing of at least 1.5m between seats, **numbers attending will be restricted**. Couples will be able to sit together.
- To avoid having to turn people away, everyone will have to book in advance by emailing bemfilmbooking@gmail.com, including name, address and phone number of all attendees.
- Everyone will be asked to wear facemasks throughout the screening. Please bring your own.
- Entrance will be through the main South Door, and people will be asked to maintain 2m distancing while entering and leaving.
- Contactless card payment preferred.
- Everyone attending will be asked to provide contact details to enable contact-tracing in the unlikely event of a Covid-positive case in the audience.
- Wine and cold drinks will be available, but no hot drinks.
- There will be a toilet available.
- The screening may be called off at short notice if regulations change, or if there is a local outbreak.

It will be very different to what we have become used to at our screenings, but as everyone will have appreciated by now, the world has changed. We hope you enjoy the film, even without close socialisation. As regulations ease, we hope we can be less restrictive for future screenings.